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September 22, 2004

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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From: David E. Janssen
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**DEVELOPING INCREASED SAFETY THROUGH ARMS RECOVERY MANAGEMENT
(DISARM) PROGRAM (BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ITEM NO. 20, AGENDA OF JUNE 21,
2004)**

On June 21, 2004, during the FY 2004-05 Budget Deliberations, the Board continued to September 2004, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's motion to approve a \$1.0 million budget augmentation from fund balance for the Probation Department's Developing Increased Safety Through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) Program.

Program Description

The DISARM Program was implemented in February 2000, as a pilot program, and entails pairing Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) with local law enforcement personnel to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes, as a condition of probation, and targets the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other contraband.

Existing Program

The Probation Department has been absorbing approximately \$534,000 annually to fund a team of 8.0 positions consisting of 6.0 DPOs, 1.0 Supervising DPO, and 1.0 Intermediate Typist-Clerk assigned to the DISARM Program. The Probation Department reports that over the past four years, DISARM DPOs have targeted notorious gang groups throughout the County in areas such as Newton, South Bay, Inglewood, and Crenshaw.

\$1.0 Million Budget Augmentation

A \$1.0 million budget augmentation could specifically appropriate funding for the existing 8.0 over-hire positions, as well as 6.0 additional DPOs. This enhancement would allow the DPOs to conduct approximately 3,000 to 4,000 search and seizure operations per year. The additional DPOs would be assigned in teams of two or more based on community needs and the target population. However, this program requires ongoing resources to fund the existing and additional permanent positions.

Attachment I provides the existing resources absorbed by the Department annually since inception of the program which began as a pilot program; the proposed existing and additional staff that could be funded by a \$1.0 million budget augmentation; and our recommendation, as further detailed below, to provide a \$265,000 budget augmentation to the Probation Department to enhance this program in the current fiscal year.

CAO Recommendation

With regard to Supervisor Antonovich's motion, a \$1.0 million budget augmentation could fund the existing 8.0 over-hire positions, as well as 6.0 additional DPOs. However, since it appears that the Probation Department is able to fund the existing positions in the current year, we recommend that at this time, an additional \$265,000 in ongoing net County cost be provided to the Department to partially fund 5.0 additional DPOs in FY 2004-05, effective October 1, 2004. In addition, we will include the remaining \$88,000 for full-year funding of these positions in the FY 2005-06 budget process.

In summary, we have included an increase of \$265,000 for this program to be financed from ongoing resources as included in our funding recommendations letter for your consideration during the September 28, 2004 Board meeting.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Eva Snider of my staff at (213) 974-2291.

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Attachment

c: Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., Chief Deputy, County Counsel
Richard Shumsky, Chief Probation Officer

DISARM PROGRAM

The Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management (DISARM) Program enables Deputy Probation Officers and other local law enforcement personnel to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes, as a condition of probation, and targets the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other contraband.

Existing FY 2004-05 Program - \$534,000 (funded by Probation as a pilot program)

		<u>Annualized</u>
Supervising Deputy Probation Officer	1.0	\$ 80,000
Deputy Probation Officer IIs	6.0	416,000
Intermediate Typist-Clerk	<u>1.0</u>	<u>38,000</u>
Total	8.0	\$ 534,000

FY 2004-05 Enhancement - Supervisor Antonovich's Motion - \$1.0 Million

The enhancement would backfill funds for the existing 8.0 positions identified above as well as the following 6.0 budgeted positions and equipment:

		<u>Annualized</u>
Deputy Probation Officer IIs	6.0	\$ 416,000
S&S / Equipment	<u>--</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total	6.0	\$ 466,000

Total Requested FY 2004-05 Program

		<u>Annualized</u>
Supervising Deputy Probation Officer	1.0	\$ 80,000
Deputy Probation Officer IIs	12.0	832,000
Intermediate Typist-Clerk	1.0	38,000
S&S / Equipment	<u>--</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total	14.0	\$ 1,000,000

CAO-Recommended FY 2004-05 Program – Additional \$265,000 (9 Months)

Recommend an additional \$265,000 in ongoing net County cost to partially fund 5.0 Deputy Probation Officer positions, effective October 1, 2004 as follows:

		<u>Annualized</u>	<u>FY 2004-05 (9 months)</u>
Deputy Probation Officer IIs	5.0	\$ 353,000	\$265,000